Congress of the United States
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February 24, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107, The Capitol
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The Honorable Steve Scalise
Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
H-329, The Capitol
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader McCarthy, and Whip Scalise:

We write you today to thank you for standing firm and forcing the Senate to act on a Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill that stops President Obama's unlawful executive actions on immigration. The House of Representatives continues to reflect the will and sentiment of the majority of Americans by combatting the President's executive overreach.

The Federal District Court's concerns with the President's executive actions on immigration are very encouraging. However, we must remember that these decisions are subject to review by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court of the United States, and the ultimate fate of the President's executive action remains in question. For this reason, the Legislative Branch has a responsibility to use its exclusive and constitutionally-granted authority to prevent the President's unlawful usurpation of power, without waiting for a final interpretation from the Judicial Branch. District Court rulings can be overturned, but the power of the purse is absolute.

As elected representatives of the people, we have an obligation to act. American voters supported our position of opposing executive overreach during the November elections, and are solely responsible for giving us control of the Senate as well as a historic majority in the House.

Regardless of how we may feel about immigration issues generally, the issue at hand is the preservation of the separation of powers and the preservation of the Constitution. Now is the time to stand firm against these unlawful executive actions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Duncan
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